

October 2, 2019

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on September 30, 2019.

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2019 meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Forbes made a motion to approve the concrete waiver for Gregory and Sandra Glaman, 1123 Natures Way. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau made a motion to approve the concrete waiver for Lawrence and Marilyn Link, 6820 Fairview Lane. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to approve the concrete waiver for Jennie Watson, 1158 Larry Avenue. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town of Rome would like to work with the Town of Saratoga to look into the possibility of running a wastewater line from the City of Wisconsin Rapids. The Town of Rome looked into starting their own treatment plant, but it was more cost effective to hook up to an existing one. The Board stated that the line running through the Town along Highway 13 could aid in the economic growth of the Town of Saratoga. There is an engineering company working on the project. They would like to submit paperwork to the Wisconsin DNR on behalf of the Town of Saratoga to see if there would be any grant money available. The Town could decide at a later date whether they would like to continue looking into the project or if they weren't interested. Forbes made a motion to allow General Engineering Company to submit paperwork on behalf of the Town of Saratoga to see if any grant money would be available. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Forbes made a motion to apply for an LRIP grant for Evergreen Avenue from Highway 13 to Highway 73. The Town would like to apply gravel, pulverize and pave the road. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to apply for a grant through the Multimodal Local Supplement program for Mill Avenue from Highway 73 to 64th Street. The program would reimburse the Town 90% of the cost of the project if awarded the grant. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau gave a report regarding the water issue along Ranger Road. He has discussed the issue further with the DNR. The Town deals with road right of ways. We can only work on ditches as they were intended when constructed. We can only do ditch maintenance and cleaning, not make new ditches. Emergency Government deals with areas outside of the road right of ways. Elevations have started on 64th Street ditches. 48th and Ranger should be done within the next several weeks. There are culverts under Spruce and Ahles that will need to be addressed, as well as several driveways. The owner of the property would be responsible for the cost of the culvert when it needs to be installed or replaced under a driveway.

The next water committee meeting will be on October 15th at 5:00 pm at the Saratoga Town office.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report. Building permits are at around the same number as last year. There is a house on Church Avenue that was supposed to be torn down this summer, but it is still standing. Lorelei will call the owner to see when the razing will be done.

Heeg made a motion to grant the operator's licenses for Lincoln Bowman. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Leichtnam discussed the Savion presentation on August 25th. Bill wrote down a list of questions and concerns raised by residents at the presentation. He and the Protect Wood County group worked on compiling a list of items and submitted them to the Board. They would like the Board to consider these items when the developer's agreement is being worked on between the Town and Savion.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report.

Town Court 9-4-2019-Dan McCrossen-Violation of the nuisance ordinance-2nd offense- plead not guilty
-Ed Robbins-dog running loose-guilty-\$98.80

Town Court 9-11-2019-Barry Pio-violation of nuisance ordinance-4th offense-substitute Judge Peter Kastenholz-found guilty-\$250 fine + \$100 week until specific list of items are cleaned up on property. Trial-9-23-2019-Cody Trickle- barking dogs-brought before Judge Potter in Circuit Court Interim Order. The four Hound dogs creating the problem will be need to be removed from the property and placed outside the Town of Saratoga until Cody can build an insulated building. Once the building is built, he may bring the dogs back to the property. If the dogs continue to howl and create a disturbance among the neighbors this matter will be rescheduled for trial and proceed accordingly. The case will be held open in light of the agreement and an in-person status conference will be conducted on December 4, 2019.

Dan McCrossen has just about got his property cleaned up.

Barry Pio cleaned a small amount the first week, but has made no further progress for two weeks.

Paul Waltenberg, 2411 Ranger Road, received a letter regarding cleaning his property. He will need to continue to clean up his property. If he wants to have a racecar, it will need to be stored inside a building. He stated that he is not running an auto repair business out of his property; he just fixes his family and friends vehicles occasionally. The Building Inspector informed him with State law changes home based auto repair businesses are no longer legal, so he could not apply for a business permit.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer report.

Correspondences were read.

Bill Liechtnam is part of the Citizen's Groundwater Committee. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the Riverblock building, room 206 in Wisconsin Rapids. The group meets each 3rd Monday each month. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Frank made a motion to approve the bills paid. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk